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Reference: Kearsarge Pump Station ORF  
Millcreek Township Sewer Authority

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I have been retained by Millcreek Township Sewer Authority (MTSA) and Millcreek Township (MT) to provide an expert opinion and independent evaluation of the proposed Overflow Retention Facility (ORF) for the Kearsarge Sanitary Sewer Pump Station, and of the Plaintiff's Demand for Relief in the nature of operating procedures and stream assessment and mitigation. I am being compensated at a rate of \$85 per hour for these services.

I reviewed numerous documents you provided regarding the proposed Kearsarge Pump Station Upgrades and Overflow Retention Facility being constructed by the MTSA. These documents included infiltration/inflow studies, Act 537 Studies and Addendums, correspondence from the design engineer, Consent Order and Agreements, Agreement with the City of Erie, construction specifications, construction drawings and Walnut Creek water quality data. A list of documents provided is attached.

This letter summarizes current problems at the Kearsarge Pump Station, the alternatives analyzed and the proposed project solution. Per your request, my professional opinions are provided with respect to the basis of design, operating procedures and water quality impacts.

## **Current Problems**

A bypass was installed on the Kearsarge Pump Station force main in December 1988. This bypass was installed to minimize sewage back-ups and associated basement flooding in service areas tributary to the pump station. This bypass is operated if wet well levels at the pump station become too high causing back-ups and to minimize risks to public health and safety.

From December 1999 through December 2005, the Millcreek Township Sewer Authority (MTSA) reported 19 overflow (bypass) events at the Kearsarge Pump Station. One (1) of these overflow events was related solely to a mechanical failure. The other 18 events all occurred during wet weather conditions.

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The Consent Order and Agreement (CO&A) between the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), MTSA and MT dated November 5, 2003, required the MTSA and MT to evaluate alternatives and implement a project which would eliminate overflows at the Kearsarge Pump Station. The CO&A limits connections tributary to the pump station and provides stipulated penalties for overflow events.

### **Alternatives Analyzed**

The MTSA utilized Consoer Townsend Envirodyne Engineers, Inc. (CTEE) to investigate the problem, complete Act 537 studies, evaluate alternatives and develop a proposed solution. CTEE is a large and nationally recognized engineering firm with expertise in sanitary engineering. CTEE has now become part of Metalf and Eddy, which is a similar type of engineering firm.

CTEE evaluated several alternatives as part of the Act 537 Plan and special studies. These alternatives included infiltration/inflow (I/I) abatement, maximize forward pumping and overflow storage.

Over the last several years, the MTSA has completed infiltration/inflow studies and abatement projects. Prior efforts by MTSA at infiltration/inflow abatement have not been successful in eliminating the overflow at the Kearsarge Pump Station. The 2003 CO&A did not list infiltration/inflow abatement as an alternative to be evaluated. The Overflow Abatement Alternative Report dated August 13, 2003 by CTEE stated "I&I abatement has been ruled out as an alternate solution by the PA DEP who has stated that they would not accept this as a solution". Therefore, given the position of the PA DEP, the sole use of I/I abatement to address overflows at the pump station was not an option.

Maximization of forward pumping capacity is restricted due to current limitations on MTSA and MT in their Agreement with the City of Erie dated August 6, 1997. The Kearsarge Pump Station and other areas in Millcreek Township eventually discharge to the Manor Drive interceptor in the City of Erie. The referenced Agreement limits the Manor Drive interceptor ultimate peak flow capacity to 30.5 MGD for Millcreek, Fairview and Summit Townships (23.25 MGD for Millcreek alone). The City of Erie sanitary sewer system was designed to handle only those peak flows, and if MTSA and MT were to significantly exceed the design peak flows, there is potential for downstream overflows and surcharging.

Reports by CTEE indicate that a second downstream connection to reduce flows on the Manor Drive interceptor is not acceptable to the City of Erie.

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The Act 537 Special Study Addendum dated May 17, 2005 prepared by CTEE indicates that the maximum forward pump capacity at the Kearsarge Pump Station should not exceed 4500 gpm during wet weather storm events in order to prevent exceedence of the flow limitation in the Agreement.

Since there are significant limitations on the ability to increase forward pump capacity, CTEE concluded that overflow storage was required. CTEE evaluated several design storms and corresponding storage volumes. Selection of the overflow storage volume is discussed under the "Basis of Design" section of this letter.

In my professional opinion, increasing forward pumping capacity in an amount sufficient to eliminate required overflow storage is not a viable option, given the current Agreement and City of Erie capacity limitations. In my professional opinion, an overflow retention facility (ORF) is required at the pump station.

#### **Proposed Project**

The proposed project involves construction of storage tanks at the Kearsarge Pump Station to store excess flows which exceed forward pumping capacity. The stored wastewater is drained to the forward pump station after flows subside.

The proposed project was designed by CTEE and includes the following major items:

- Replacement of the three (3) existing pumps at the Kearsarge Station ("forward pumps") to increase the design capacity of the pump station from approximately 3600 to 4500 gpm, with two (2) pumps operating.
- Construction of a "storage pump station" consisting of three (3) submersible pumps with a design capacity of 4500 gpm, with two (2) pumps operating.
- Construction of two (2) storage tanks, each with a capacity of approximately 1,150,000 gallons. Each tank will be approximately 56 feet in diameter and 65 feet high.
- Installation of a 750 KW electric standby generator capable of operating all facilities during a power outage.
- Associated piping, structures, instrumentation and controls.

The existing bypass piping will be removed when construction is completed.

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Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 2006 and is expected to be completed in or before March 2007.

### **Basis of Design**

In order to design an overflow abatement project, influent flows, pumped flow rates and bypass volumes need to be reasonably determined and verified.

During the design investigation work, CTEE discovered that the pump station discharge flow meter was inaccurate. CTEE conducted wet well drawdown tests to establish a calibration multiplier for this pump station discharge meter to provide accurate flow data for design purposes.

CTEE used three (3) separate flow meters in lines upstream of the pump station to determine flows into the station. CTEE reports that these flow meters were routinely calibrated and properly maintained. The Act 537 Special Study dated June 2004 by CTEE shows that the influent flow meters correlate well with the recalibrated pump station discharge meter. As such, CTEE concluded that the recalibrated pump station flow meter could be relied upon for design analysis.

Bypass volumes were estimated by CTEE by analyzing pumped flow rates, force main pressures and pump characteristics.

CTEE reviewed several possible storage tank sizes in reports, correspondence and preliminary design work from 2003 to 2005.

The basis for the current design is provided in the Act 537 Special Study Addendum dated May 17, 2005, prepared by CTEE. In this Addendum Report, CTEE used the September 8-9, 2004 storm event (remnants of Hurricane Frances) to design the ORF.

During this storm event, approximately 4½ inches of rain fell in approximately 12-hours. CTEE estimates this is equivalent to a 50 year recurrence interval.

The CTEE Report used pump station flows during the September 8-9 storm event, added 10 year future growth projections and subtracted the maximum sustained forward pumping capacity of 4500 gpm to determine required storage tank volume. These calculations showed a required storage volume of 2,212,075 gallons. CTEE recommended a storage tank volume of 2,300,000 gallons and believed that this volume would accommodate a 50 year design storm recurrence interval.

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For comparison, the Agreement between the City of Erie and MTSA dated August 6, 1997, states that the design storm event used to size the City's eastside and westside conveyance systems was a 1.06 inch rainstorm event, approximately 2-hours in duration with at least 3 days of antecedent dry weather conditions (occurred on August 11, 1995).

This design storm event used to size the City of Erie sewer conveyance systems, is much less intense and has a lower recurrence interval (less than 2 years) than the design storm event used by CTEE to size the Kearsarge Pump Station ORF. It should also be noted there was no overflow at the Kearsarge Pump Station on the design day selected by the City of Erie for their system upgrades.

The PA DEP Domestic Wastewater Facility Manual states the following with regards to design aspects for emergency operation of pump stations:

"Pumping stations and collection systems shall be designed to prevent or minimize bypassing of raw wastewater. For use during possible periods of extensive power outages, mandatory power reductions or storm events, consideration should be given to providing a controlled, high-level wet well overflow to supplement alarm systems and emergency power generation in order to prevent backup of wastewater into basements, or other discharges which may cause severe adverse impacts on public interests, including public health and property damage. Where a high-level overflow is utilized, consideration shall also be given to the installation of storage detention tanks or basins, which shall be made to drain to the station wet well. Where such overflows affect public water supplies, shell fish production or waters used for culinary or food processing purposes, a storage detention basin or tank shall be provided having a two-hour detention capacity at the anticipated overflow rate".

In reference to the DEP Manual, Walnut Creek is not used for public water supply, shell fish production or food processing purposes. The detention capacity provided at the maximum assumed storage pumping rate of 4500 gpm is approximately 8.5 hours, which exceeds the DEP design standard, even though the receiving stream does not have the listed critical uses.

The PA DEP does not have a formal design standard for recurrence interval on storm events to prevent overflows in separate sanitary sewer systems. Based on discussions with PA DEP personnel, it is our understanding that some of the DEP regional offices use a 2 year, 24-hour storm event as an informal design guideline for preventing overflows. The 2 year, 24-hour storm equates to about 2.56 inches of rain for the Erie area. This 2 year, 24-hour storm design event is based upon a memorandum from EPA Region III to the PA DEP dated July 14, 1995.

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The use of a 50 year storm event to size the Kearsarge ORF is considered conservative based on my experience and guidelines provided by the PA DEP. Thus, in my professional opinion, MTSA is implementing a remedy that exceeds standards used by other municipalities in similar situations. Designing for the maximum possible flow to prohibit any type of overflow event in the future is not customary or practical. Given the above factors, in my professional opinion, the ORF sizing selected by CTEE is sufficient and does not need to be increased.

The proposed Kearsarge Pump Station Upgrades and ORF incorporate the following design features:

- Expansion and upgrade of existing forward pumps and new flow meter.
- Automated controls for pumping and tank draining. Automated alarms connected to the MTSA SCADA system.
- Complete standby electric generating capability.
- Service platforms with high pressure water cannons for tank cleaning.
- Quick access door to tank interior for inspection.
- Remote cameras mounted on top of tanks to view contents.
- Gravity overflow to storage pumps which minimizes discharge of floatables.
- Third standby pump for both forward and storage pumping stations.
- Use of variable speed pumps.
- Tank drain line is screened prior to entering wet well.
- Pipe cleanouts and isolation valves are provided.

CTEE evaluated potential odor control through aeration or chemical addition. Inspections of other ORF facilities by CTEE and MTSA did not indicate odor as a problem due to the diluted wastewater and anticipated storage times. Provisions for chemical addition for odor control are provided, if necessary.

In my professional opinion, the Kearsarge Pump Station design features should allow the system to function properly and reliably and facilitate removal of the bypass.



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### **Operating Procedures**

Correspondence and reports from CTEE outline operating procedures for the Kearsarge Pump Station and ORF, which are as follows:

- The forward pump flow will be automatically controlled to limit flow to 4500 gpm to maintain compliance with the City Agreement and keep flows from exceeding downstream capacity limitations.
- When flows entering that station exceed 4500 gpm, the wet well level will increase, such that it will be diverted by gravity pipe to the storage pump station. This diversion level was set to prevent basement flooding in upstream service areas.
- Level controls are provided in the storage pump wet well to automatically run the pumps to convey diverted wastewater to the storage tanks.
- When forward pump rates are below 4500 gpm and forward wet well level has dropped below the diversion elevation, stored wastewater is returned at a controlled rate to the forward wet well through an automatic modulating drain valve. This will allow the stored wastewater to be returned to the system as soon as possible.
- Storage tank levels will be continuously monitored by a pressure transducer in the storage pump valve pit, which allows for proper operation.
- If incoming flows exceed 9000 gpm during extreme flow events (total of forward and storage pumping) the forward wet well level will increase to a point whereby the controls limiting forward flow to 4500 gpm will be automatically removed to allow a higher pumping rate to the City. CTEE estimates that forward flows could be increased to approximately 5500-6000 gpm during these extreme flow events. If this high wet well level is reached, an alarm will be automatically activated and MTSA personnel will be notified through the SCADA system.
- Automatic alarms to the SCADA system are provided for wet well levels, flow set points, storage tank level, pump faults and other critical parameters. When these alarms are triggered, MTSA personnel are notified and can then take appropriate action.

In my professional opinion, the operating procedures, controls, alarms and SCADA system specified, are sufficient for this facility and should provide reliable operation in order to maintain compliance with the Clean Water Act.

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### **Water Quality Impacts**

The Kearsarge Pump Station is located adjacent to Walnut Creek. Overflows from the pump station are discharged to Walnut Creek. Walnut Creek in the vicinity of the pump station also receives storm water runoff from the Millcreek Mall and adjacent residential areas.

The MTSA reported 23 overflow events from December 1992 through December 2005. During this December 1992 through December 2005 time period, there were prolonged periods in which no overflows occurred at the Kearsarge Pump Station. Time periods when no overflows occurred were: December 31, 1992 – September 16, 1996 ( 3 years, 9½ months); January 9, 1998 – December 14, 1999 (1 year, 11 months); November 8, 2000 – August 16, 2001 (9¼ months) ; and May 13, 2002 – September 28, 2003 (1 year, 4½ months).

From December 1999 to December 2005, the overflow at the Kearsarge Pump Station has been utilized for a total of approximately 120 hours. There were a total of about 52,560 hours during this 6 year period. The overflow occurred only 0.23% of the time, which would be equivalent to about 20 hours per year on average.

Based on the frequency and duration of the overflow events and my experience with other systems, I do not believe that the overflows at the Kearsarge Pump Station could be considered as frequent or chronic.

Almost all of the overflow events occurred during significant wet weather or snow melt conditions. The base flow to the pump station during dry weather, low groundwater conditions is estimated to be less than 700 gpm. The overflow diversion usually begins to occur when station flows reach about 4500 gpm. As such, the wastewater overflow is significantly diluted by infiltration/inflow, with a dilution factor of at least 5 to 1.

Wet weather in the Kearsarge Pump Station service area causing an overflow, would also cause a corresponding increase in stream flow in Walnut Creek. The higher stream flow would minimize water quality impacts of overflow events.

From December 30, 1992 through November 29, 2005, the MTSA estimated the overflow from the Kearsarge Pump Station totaled approximately 16.8 million gallons. Using the above listed dilution factor, actual sewage in the overflow is estimated to be approximately 2.8 million gallons over this time period. In determining water quality impacts, it is important to put the overflow volume in perspective with the total Walnut Creek stream flow over this same time period. We estimate the annual mean stream flow in Walnut Creek at the Kearsarge Pump Station to be approximately 13.8 million



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gallons/day. This stream flow estimate is based on USGS gauging data at a nearby stream and actual drainage area of Walnut Creek at the Kearsarge Pump Station. The total Walnut Creek stream flow over this 12 year, 11 month period is estimated to be about 65 billion gallons. The actual volume of sewage in the pump station overflow during this time period represents only about 0.004% of the total stream flow. Therefore, sewage discharged through the pump station overflow is insignificant when compared to stream flow. This indicates there is no significant potential for long term water quality impacts due to the overflow.

In August 2005, the Erie County Health Department (ECHD) analyzed samples of Walnut Creek for fecal coliform bacteria. On August 31, 2005 a sample of Walnut Creek taken approximately 50 yards upstream of the Kearsarge overflow showed a fecal coliform level of 10,900/100 mL. Another sample taken that same day at the mouth of Walnut Creek, downstream of the Kearsarge Pump Station, had a fecal coliform level of 10,400/100 mL. On August 30-31, 2005, there was 2.21 inches of rainfall reported at the Erie Airport. As such, stream flows in Walnut Creek were elevated. There was no overflow event at the Kearsarge Pump Station on these days.

Samples taken at the mouth of Walnut Creek by ECHD on August 5, 10, 17 and 25, 2005 during dry conditions show fecal coliform levels ranging from 45 to 110/100 mL.

On November 25, 2001, a sample of Walnut Creek downstream of the Kearsarge Pump Station (near Sterrattania and Streamwood Drive) showed fecal coliform results of too numerous to count (TNTC). There had not been any overflow from the Kearsarge Pump Station for approximately 3 months before this sample was collected. There are areas near this sample location that do not have public sewer service.

For comparison of sample results, the fecal coliform standard for public bathing places is a maximum geometric mean of 200/100 mL.

Gannon University provided us water quality data for Walnut Creek collected in 2005. During this sample collection period (5/24/05-10/05/05), there were no overflow events at the Kearsarge Pump Station. The Gannon Walnut Creek data provides two sample locations, one just upstream of the Kearsarge Pump Station and the other downstream between Route 5 and the mouth. Five samples were collected on different days at each sample location.

At the downstream sample location, the Gannon data shows high E coli counts (TNTC and 2900) during wet weather periods and zero (0) E coli during dry weather periods. A relatively high phosphate result was also obtained during wet weather at the downstream sample location. This is indicative of non-point source runoff.

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At the sample location just upstream of the Kearsarge Pump Station, the Gannon data showed levels of E coli ranging from 0-450, with no samples taken during high stream flow conditions.

The sampling data discussed above indicates that during dry conditions, Walnut Creek downstream of the pump station had relatively low levels of fecal coliform and E coli bacteria. The data also shows that during wet weather, fecal coliform and E coli levels were dramatically increased due to factors other than the pump station overflow. These other factors which could increase bacteria levels in the stream include surface runoff, storm water discharges and malfunctioning septic systems.

On January 13, 2006, I viewed Walnut Creek in the vicinity of the Kearsarge Pump Station. There were no visible signs in or along the stream which would indicate a recent or frequent overflow events. Also, I did not notice any visible signs of water quality degradation.

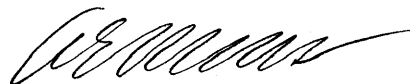
Based on the above analysis, in my professional opinion, the stream assessment and mitigation sought by the Plaintiffs in this case is unnecessary because there is no indication there has been any measurable water quality degradation in Walnut Creek related to the Kearsarge Pump Station overflow, for the following reasons:

- Overflows are not frequent.
- Wastewater is diluted when overflows occur.
- Stream flow is relatively high when overflows occur.
- Overflow volume is small compared to stream flow.
- Sampling data and site observations do not indicate water quality degradation due to the overflow.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

HILL ENGINEERING, INC.



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**August E. Maas, P.E., President**

**EDUCATION**

B.S., Civil Engineering, 1979  
University of Pittsburgh

MBA, Management and Finance, 1989  
Pennsylvania State University

**PROFESSIONAL  
REGISTRATION**

P.E., Pennsylvania 1983  
P.E., New York 1987  
P.E., Ohio 1990  
P.E., Georgia 1996

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Mr. Maas is a Professional Project Engineer in responsible charge of planning and design of municipal public works projects, specializing in the fields of wastewater and water treatment technology.

Mr. Maas has been employed by the company for nearly twenty years. Prior to working for Hill Engineering, Inc. he was employed for five years by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (Meadville Office) where he was responsible for reviewing plans for permitting water and wastewater systems, stream modeling to establish effluent limits, and value engineering cost recommendations.

Mr. Maas has also served as project manager including design and supervision of construction for numerous public works projects by Hill Engineering, Inc. including:

- Ellwood City Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant and sewer system repairs, project cost of \$20 million.
- Borough of Edinboro air stripping tower , pump station and emergency generators.
- Summit Township Water System including pump stations, storage tanks, well supplying, over 50 miles of water lines. Total system costs exceeding \$15 million.
- Meadville Area Sewer Authority sanitary sewer system improvements. Total project costs of approximately \$6 million.
- Ellport Borough Sewer Authority Plant Expansion. Total project cost of approximately \$3.1 million.

- Municipal Authority of the Borough of Mansfield earthen dam, water transmission line, water treatment plant and reservoir. Total project costs of approximately \$2.5 million.
- North East Borough wastewater treatment plant improvements. Total project costs of approximately \$16 million.
- Albion Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. Project costs of \$4.5 million.
- Borough of Ridgway water treatment plant improvements including filtration, chemical feed, clearwell, effluent pumping and sludge treatment/dewatering. Total project costs approximately \$5.1 million.
- Borough of Ridgway wastewater treatment plant improvements. Total project costs of approximately \$9.4 million.
- Peek'n Peak Recreation, Inc. wastewater treatment plant and water supply.
- Ulysses Municipal Authority pump station, well houses, chlorination facilities, water line extensions and new wastewater treatment plant.

While employed with the PA DEP, Mr. Maas conducted stream surveys to prepare models for analysis of impacts of pollutant discharges and to determine effluent limits for proposed and existing discharges. Mr. Maas also participated in aquatic surveys and studies. With Hill Engineering, Inc. Mr. Maas has developed stream monitoring programs and reviewed numerous stream aquatic surveys which analyzed pollutant impacts. Mr. Maas has also reviewed data for several dischargers to determine potential stream impacts in order to analyze required treatment facilities.

**EXHIBITS TO  
EXPERT REPORT OF AUGUST E. (GUS) MAAS**

<b><u>EXHIBIT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>
1	Summary of Proposed Kearsarge Project
2	Drawing - Proposed Site Plan (MSA-MT 7522)
3	Photo of Pump Station Buildings (MSA-MT 7562)
4	Photo of Pump Station Buildings (MSA-MT 7563)
5	Photo of Inside View of Pump Station (MSA-MT 7564)
6	Photo of Location of Overflow Retention Facilities (MSA-MT 7565)
7	Special Study Addendum (MSA-MT 2843 - 2947)
8	Point Precipitation Frequency Estimates From NOAA (MSA-MT 7644 - 7648)
9	Addendum to Agreement -City of Erie/Millcreek Township/ Erie Sewer Authority/Millcreek Township Sewer Authority) (PL 634-PL652)
10	PaDEP Domestic Wastewater Facilities Manual (Doc. ID #362-0300-001 - 10/97) (DEP 00638 - 00755)
11	EPA Memo Re: Sizing Wet Weather Detention (7/14/95) (MSA-MT 7649)
12	Kearsarge Project Key Design Features
13	Kearsarge Project Operating Features
14	Brandy Run USGS Data (MSA-MT 7650)
15	Map of Walnut Creek Drainage Area (MSA-MT 7651)
16	Calculation Re: Walnut Creek Flows (MSA-MT 7652)
17	Walnut Creek Sample Results - ECHD (ECHD 0001)
18	NOAA Weather Data - 8/30/05 - 8/31/05 (MSA-MT 7653 - 7654)

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### **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROJECT**

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### **KEARSARGE PROJECT KEY DESIGN FEATURES**

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL  
COALITION, PENNENVIRONMENT,  
INC. and THE GAIA DEFENSE LEAGUE,  
Plaintiffs

v.

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP SEWER  
AUTHORITY AND MILLCREEK  
TOWNSHIP,  
Defendants

CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-59 ERIE

JUDGE COHILL

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Plaintiffs

v.

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP SEWER  
AUTHORITY AND MILLCREEK  
TOWNSHIP,  
Defendants

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